
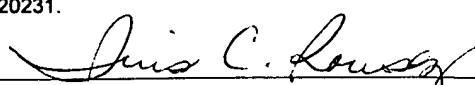


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| <b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)</b>  |  |   | Docket No.<br><b>YAGUCHI-0012</b>  |         |                   |
| Applicant(s): <b>YOKOYAMA, et al.</b>   |  |   |  |         |                   |
| Serial No.<br><b>09/676,367</b>   | Filing Date<br><b>September 29, 2002</b> | Examiner<br><b>RINEHART, Kenneth B.</b> | Group Art Unit<br><b>3749</b>  |         |                   |
| Invention: <b>METHOD FOR PRODUCING SOIL, SOIL-PROCESSING UNIT, METHOD FOR PROCESSING AND UNIT FOR PROCESSING</b>  |  |   |  |         |                   |
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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u></p> <p>Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.</p> <p>The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.</p>   |  |   |  |         |                   |
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| TOTAL CLAIMS  | 36 -                                     | 36 =                                    | 0 x  | \$9.00  | \$0.00            |
| INDEP. CLAIMS   | 10 -                                     | 10 =                                    | 0 x  | \$42.00 | \$0.00            |
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| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT   |  |   |  |         | \$0.00            |
| <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____<br/>A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <b>50-0462</b><br/>A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.</p> |  |   |  |         |                   |
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| CC:   |  |   | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on <u>July 11, 2002</u> with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <br/>           Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <b>Iris C. Rousey</b><br/>           Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence         </div> </div> |         |                   |